



DIANE VON FURSTENBERG



Diane von Furstenberg first arrived in the fashion world in 1972 with her iconic wrap dress, the seed of what is today a full fashion house. By 1976, Diane had sold millions of her dresses, coming to symbolize female power and freedom to an entire generation. In 1997, after a hiatus from fashion, Diane reemerged on the New York fashion scene with the re-launch of the dress that had started it all and began building her company into a global luxury lifestyle brand. Today, the DVF collection includes ready-

to-wear, shoes, handbags, accessories, eyewear, swim, DVF by H. Stern fine jewelry and watches, rugs, home and luggage.

In 2005, Diane was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) for her impact on fashion, and one year later, was elected the CFDA's new president, an office she continues to hold. A firm believer in the infinite power of women, Diane sits on the board of Vital Voices, a women's leadership organization that empowers emerging women leaders and social entrepreneurs around the world. In 2010 she established The DVF Awards with The Diller- von Furstenberg Family Foundation to honor women who have displayed leadership, strength, and courage in their commitment to their causes. The annual event aims to provide the honorees with exposure and support. As a longtime resident of New York's Meatpacking District, Diane is a vocal member of the local community and was actively involved in the campaign to save the historical High Line railway. Through her company and her family foundation, she supports a variety of women's and environmental causes.